



## The annual AHATA clean up leaves our beaches pristine once more

Astrid Muller, Chairman of the AHATA Environmental Committee expressed satisfaction and gratitude for the over 1000 volunteers that spent their Saturday cleaning up the island's beaches. School groups, business, hotels, and families formed cleaning crews that swept not only the north coast beaches in particular, but all of Aruba's coastline, leaving only beautiful, sugar white sands and turquoise waters behind.

The Marriott Resort contributed a substantial force, including General Manager Rick Zeolla, and at the lighthouse area the team from Eco Destinations and all the Divi Resorts could be found, raking the beach alongside organizer Astrid Muller, General Manager of the Divi Phoenix Resort.

The north coast beaches need special attention because debris from the sea that is dumped by ships is brought into shore by the current to collect there. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the lovely little coves and out-of-the-way beaches clean.

After a tough morning in the tropical sun, the volunteers enjoyed lunches and beverages donated by the hotels and various soft drink distributors, and De Palm Tours provided the transportation to take them back to central headquarters.

A hearty thanks to all those hard working people for helping to keep Aruba's beaches clean.